

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1-6, 8-12, and 16-17 have been canceled. Claims 18-20 have been added. Claims 7 and 13-15 have been amended to provide their proper dependency.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and Action to that end is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-20 correspond in scope to claims 9, 11, and 12 which, together with claims 13-14, were indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 18-20, which are claims 9, 11, and 12 so rewritten, and claims 13-14, amended to depend on claim 20, are in condition for allowance.

It is further respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 15, which were also amended to depend on claim 20, are likewise allowable as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

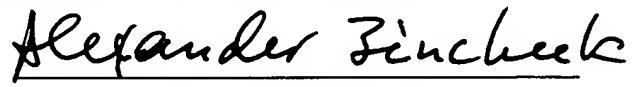
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